

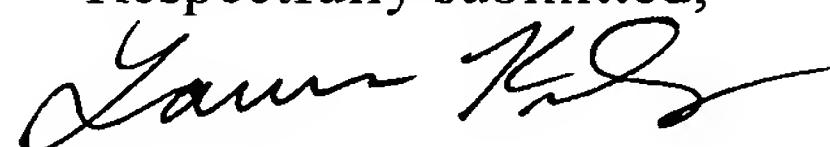
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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in the Action that Claims 3-4, 6 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In order to expedite prosecution of the application, Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the recitations of Claim 3 into Claim 1. Claims 2-3 have been canceled. Claims 6 and 13 have also been rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 6 have also been amended to change "anode" to "anion" as requested in the Action.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application and passing the application to issue. If there are any outstanding issues, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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